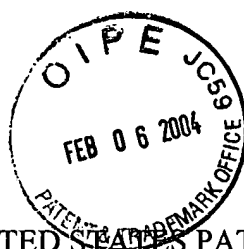


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Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449.

A copy of each reference is not required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) because the references were previously submitted or cited in U.S. Application Number 10/232,749, that this application relies on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The references cited in U.S. Application Number 10/232,749, also complies with paragraphs (a) through (c) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure

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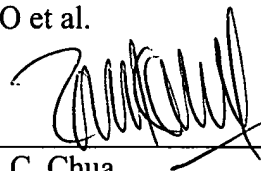
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